(a) the number of petrol/Diesel retail outlets opened in Uttar Pradesh during the years 1990 and 1991;

(b) the letters of intent issued in 1991, 1992, including those from his discretionary quota;

(c) whether Government propose to open new Petrol/diesel retail outlets in Uttar Pradesh in 1992; and

(d) if so, what are their locations?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a)..

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|---|---|---|---|
| Year | 1990 | ROs | 52 |
| Do. | 1991 | Do. | 47 |

(b) 28 LOIs during 1991 and 1 during 1992.

(c) and (d) Petrol/Diesel retail outlets are opened at different places in the country including those in U.F. on the basis of market survey, economic viability, product availability etc., under various marketing plans.

**Offshore Oil and Gas Survey**

3168. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National institute of Oceanology (NIO) has submitted a report to Government regarding their survey of oil and gas on off shores;

(b) whether it is a fact that NIO in its survey has found that the offshore from Kutch to Cambay has huge quantity of oil and gas; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to explore oil and gas in this region?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) National Institute of Oceanography had taken up two collaborative projects with ONGC for acquisition of data in Karwar and Bombay High areas in the Western offshore. There is no mention of oil and gas prospect' in the Kutch, Saurashtra of Cambay region in these studies.

**पश्चिमी बंगाल में तेल के भंडार**

**3169. श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :**
**श्री कपिल वर्मा :**
**कुमारी सईदा खातून :**

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 13 जनवरी, 1992 के एक समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित इस समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है जिसमें कहा गया है कि पश्चिमी बंगाल के तट पर और अपतट में लगभग 300 किलोमीटर क्षेत्र में तेल और गैस का भंडार छिपा पड़ा है जो कि सऊदी-अरब के तेल भंडार से भी अधिक है; यदि हां, तो सरकार की इस पर प्रतिक्रिया क्या है; और

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि निजी क्षेत्र द्वारा तेल की खोज के लिए देश भर में अब तक जिन 72 स्थानों को चिन्हित किया गया है उनमें यह शामिल नहीं है यदि हां, तो सरकार की इस पर प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

**पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द)** : (क) और (ख) पश्चिम बंगाल में तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस के बड़े भंडार होने के बारे में किए गए दावे तथ्यों पर आधारित नहीं है। चौथे दौर की बोली में पश्चिम बंगाल में पांच ब्लाकों को अन्वेषण के लिए सौंपा गया है।

**Energy saving Technology**

3170. HSRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETmO-LEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have urged all large industrial units in the country to adopt energy saving technology while pro-eessing petroleum products;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to use of outdated technology and equipments in the processing of petroleum products, the country is losing crores of rupees annually; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Large industrial units have been urged to adopt energy saving technology. Various measures are under implementation to promote development, standardisation and use of fuel-efficient equipment, devices and technology; replacement of outdated and inefficient ones; creation of mass awareness for oil conservation, imparting of education and training to target groups of oil users, conducting of energy audit$_s$ and oil use studies, etc.

**Calcination Plants**

3171. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that calci nation p'ant located in Barauni and Begusarai, run by private party does not utilise the raw materials (calcine coke) a'tfoted to it;

(b) if so, what are the details of raw coke supplied in this case and quantum of sale of finished goods, in cluding sales tax accounts; whether It is a fact that the raw coke sup plied in this case and sold in black market; and

(c) whethe- Government propose to institute an inquiry mfo the mattei*

THE MINISTER OP PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND); (a} to (c).

There are four private parties whom IOC supplies RPC in[1] the area of Barauni and Begusari. Details are as follows: —

| Calciners | 1991-92 Aprli/ Jan. Actual/ supplies (MT) |
|---|---|
| Bihar Carbon | 5635 |
| Neo Carbon | 3977 |
| Maniyar Metal | 6007 |
| UHC Tilrath | 9581 |

It has been reported by IOC that *their* are not aware of any sale of RFC by the calcining units.

**Transfer of ONGC's responsibilities to Gas Authority of India Limited**

3172. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to hand over Oil and Natural Gas Commission's gas processing, transportation and marketing to the Gas Authority of India Limited;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that scien tific and technical officers of Oil and Natural Gas Commission's Southern Region have opposed the move; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) A M.O.U. has been entered into between ONGC and GAIL according to which some gas transportation and marketing assets of ONGC would be transferred to GAEL.

(c) and (d) Various representations have been received from time to time and have been taken into consideration while implementing the decision ,'